THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Details of industrial approvals such as names of companies items of manufacture, capacities etc. issued from time to time are regularly published by the India Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter copies of which are available in the parliament Library.

(b) to (d) The details asked for are too voluminous and time labour consuming. In most of the cases, basic stage is fixed for manufafcture. However in certain drugs due to factors like availability of technology, economic viability etc. a phased manufacturing programme is fixed depending on the merits of the case. Drugs like Salbutamol, Frumsemide, Penicillin G, Pheniramine Maleate, Fenbendazole, Tinidazole, Norfloxacin, Diclofenace Sodium etc. have been licensed from basic stages while PMP has been fixed in drugs like Atenolol, Mianserin Hcl, Rifampicin, Steroidal drug Ethambutol, Injectible Cephalosporins etc.

Restrictions on the Imports of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile

210. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile has been restricted on the recommendation of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that imports were restricted to enable M/s Armour and others to overcharge the price by Rs. 500/- per Kg.;

(c) what are the names of the producers of this drug and what was the production of each drug during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what is the present price of the drug and what is the estimated demand of the drug during 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(e) on what considerations such a recommendation was made by his Ministry and what is the price at which it is being sold?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir in consultation with DGTD.

(b) and (c) Imports of Ampicillin Sodium have been restricted to encourage indigenous production, which is one of the basic objectives of the Drug Policy, and to check the outflow of Foreign Exchange.

(c) In the organised sector, there is one unit namely, M/s Armour Chemicals and their production capacity of the item is 28 MT per annum, Some other units are about to commence production. Apart from this, there are a number of units in the small scale sector manufacturing Ampicillin Sodium. Their production is not monitored by this Department.

(d) The notified price of Ampicillin Sodium is Rs. 2941 per kg. and estimated demand during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 is 79 MT and 91 MT respectively.

Imports of Raw materials and finished Medicines

211 SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports of raw materials and finished medicines have gone up during the last two years;